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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS, NL, VE  
SUBJECT: MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 56174

1. I SPOKE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEPARATELY TO THE VICE MINISTER AND MARITIME NEGOTIATORS REGARDING REFTEL. THEY ARE DELIGHTED TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT AND ARE VERY DESIROUS OF CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR SIGNATURE DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT IF POSSIBLE.
  2. THEY HAVE CONFIRMED THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE NETHERLANDS AND STATE THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL TRAVEL TO CURACAO AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL AND BELIEVE THAT BOTH THE US AND VENEZUELA SHOULD INFORM THE DUTCH OF A US-VENEZUELAN BOUNDARY AGREEMENT IF, AFTER THE WASHINGTON MEETING, IT APPEARS THAT THIS IS LIKELY. (DR. ISIDRO MORALES TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ANECDOTELY THAT IN FACT IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA ON AVES ISLAND, THE DUTCH
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HAD OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S GEORGRAPHER,  
HODGSON, THE ISALNDS COORDINATES.)

3. DR. ISIDRO MORALES, LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE DIVISION OF FRONTIERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND OTHERS WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12. MORALES MAY ALSO BE JOINED BY ADMIRAL RAFAEL LUCES MORALES, DIRECTOR

OF THE DIVISION OF FRONTIERS. LUCES, HOWEVER, HAD AN  
APPOINTMENT IN BRASILIA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, AND IS  
SEEKING TO POSTPONE IT. THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN  
WASHINGTON WILL CONTACT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCNEIL  
IN ORDER TO FIX APPOINTMENTS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 13. THE  
VENEZUELANANS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SETTLE THE MATTER IN ONE  
OR TWO DAYS.  
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